

Michigan Supreme Court

LEARNING CENTER

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FACT SHEET

The Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center is a 3,800 sq. ft. interpretive gallery designed to educate visitors about Michigan's judicial branch of government and how it affects their everyday lives.

- The award-winning gallery is filled with activities designed for visitors from the fourth grade to adult. Video, computer programs, photographs, text, and hands-on activities encourage visitors to answer questions, explore information, and role play.
- Since opening in November 2002, over 90,000 people have visited the Learning Center. Many visitors tour the Center in conjunction with visits to the state Capitol and the Michigan Historical Center.
- Michigan was the second of three states to provide such a facility for public education. Other public education centers are located in Hawaii (est. 1989) and Ohio (est. 2005).

Highlights

- Introductory video explaining the structure of the Michigan court system, including the difference between trial courts and appellate courts.
- Hands-on locker illustrating student property rights.
- Mock courtroom with computer kiosks exploring the roles of participants in a trial.
- Michigan Supreme Court oral arguments via video.
- Exhibits describing a variety of issues and cases, including due process, constitutional rights, business law, family law, product liability, domestic violence, mediation, specialized courts, and the history of the Michigan court system.

Visitor Information

- Free admission.
- Open Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Closed state holidays.
- Located on the first floor of the Michigan Hall of Justice at 925 W. Ottawa Street (corner of Allegan Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard—west of the Capitol and north of the Michigan Historical Center).
- Walk-in visitors are welcome. Guided tours are available for groups of eight to 45 and last about one hour. For reservations, call 517-373-7171.
- Virtual tour, location information, and educational resources available at http://courts.mi.gov/plc/.

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